

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/28/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 15-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Pierre E. Elisca
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE. This is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The closest prior Yamauchi et al U.S. Pat. No. 5,613,109 discloses a data reproduction comprising a storage unit for storing element data.

JP406081525A, Nishi Kenichi discloses a controller of entrance into specific area.

IBM Technical disclosure Bulletin TDB-ACC-NO: NN910258 discloses a technique for initiating a conference call from a calendar database.

However, neither Yamauchi nor Nishi and IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin singularly or in combination fail to disclose the recited feature:

As per claims 1, 13, and 15 " a comparator comparing the requestable calendar sales period of time with the present calendar time, and a requestor for submitting a request when said comparator judges that the present calendar time falls within the requestable calendar sales period of time, to the center for obtaining use of the content".

As per claims 9, 10, 18, and 19-23 " judges that the present calendar time data falls within said requestable calendar sales period or falls outside the requestable calendar sales period of time, and requests to the center for obtaining use of the locked content when the present calendar time falls within said requestable calendar sales period of time, and uses a key to unlock, serve and sell the locked content stored thereon when the present calendar time falls within said requestable calendar sales period of time".

As per claim 12 " judges that the present calendar time falls within the requestable calendar sales period of time or falls outside of said requestable calendar sales period

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of time, and sends a requestor to request a key for the locked content if the judging determines the present calendar time data falls within said requestable calendar sales period of time, to the center for obtaining use of the locked content".

As per claims 16, 17, 24, and 25 " compares the requestable calendar sales period of time with the present calendar time, accessing said program, and using a requestor for submitting a request for a key when the requestable calendar sales period of time is compared with the present calendar time and the present calendar time falls within said requestable calendar sales period of time, the request made to the center for serving and selling use of the locked content".

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. Please amend claim 16 without prejudice.

Claim 16, line13, after present calendar time and delete "it is determined that".

Confirmed by Darleen J. Stockley Reg. No. 34,257.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571 272 6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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